

BEFORE THE MINNESOTA PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

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In the Matter of **Consolidated Telephone Company's** Request for Approval of Certified Actual Costs Associated with the **Kanabec County** 911 Emergency Telephone Services System

ISSUE DATE: September 5, 2000

DOCKET NO. **P-406/ES-00-1112**

ORDER APPROVING REVISED
CERTIFIED 911 SYSTEM COSTS

BACKGROUND

On October 7, 1980, the Minnesota Public Utilities Commission (the Commission) approved Kanabec County's final plan for the establishment of a 911 Emergency Telephone System.

On January 15, 1985, the Commission approved the costs incurred by Northwestern Bell in providing part of the Emergency 911 Services System in Kanabec County.

On March 13, 1985, the Commission approved additional costs omitted by Northwestern Bell in their earlier filing.

On April 20, 1999, Consolidated Telephone Company (the Company) installed tandem based ANI for the telephone exchanges of Mora and Oglivie. The Company also installed two Inter Tandem trunks between the Hutchinson Tandem and the Brainerd Tandem. The Company also installed two Mora Public Service Answering Points (PSAP) trunks.

On November 1, 1999, the Company certified the actual costs it incurred for the provision of ANI service in their 2 exchanges in Kanabec County, with additional trunks installed to the Hutchinson and Brainerd exchanges, and the Mora PSAP.

On August 10, 2000, the Commission approved actual costs incurred by the Company for adding additional interexchange circuits for tandem based Automatic Number Identification (ANI) in the 911 Emergency Services system in Kanabec County.

CURRENT FILING

On June 9, 2000, the Company made application to the Minnesota Department of Administration to revise their cost certification dated November 1, 1999, reflecting a change from a four-channel termination charge to two-wire channel termination charge (\$27.38 reduction in cost per month for the Mora and Oglivie Exchanges and \$54.76 reduction per month for the Mora PSAP and Hutchinson Intertandem trunk).

The Company is now requesting Commission approval of the revised ANI system and interexchange and other trunk circuit costs retroactive to April 20, 1999. Commission approval is necessary before the Department of Administration (DOA) will make payments for 911 system costs.

FINDINGS AND CONCLUSIONS

Minn. Stat. Section 403.11, subd. 3 states:

Subd. 3 (METHOD OF PAYMENT; CERTIFICATION.) A public utility incurring reimbursable costs under subdivision 1 or 2 shall certify those costs to the commissioner of administration. The certification shall be in a form as prescribed by the commissioner after consultation with the public utilities commission. If the commissioner and the commission approve the certified costs as appropriate and accurate, the commissioner shall pay the certified costs from money appropriated for that purpose within 90 days following receipt by the commissioner of the certified costs. The commissioner of administration shall estimate the amount required to reimburse public utilities for the state's obligations under subdivisions 1 and 2 of this section and the governor shall include the estimated amount in the biennial budget request.

Consolidated Telephone Company has certified, in writing, that the elements of 911 services and associated costs indicated on Attachment A reflect only charges for services actually rendered in the direct provision of 911 service in Kanabec County.

All charges listed on Attachment A are in accordance with the Company's tariffs.

The Commission finds that the revised costs for 911 Emergency Telephone Service in Kanabec County which have been certified by the Company are appropriate and accurate.

Policy References:

Minn. Stat. Section 403.11 System Costs

Minn. Rules, pt. 1215.1400 Funding Eligibility/Payment of Recurring Costs

Minn. Rules, pt. 1215.1500 Funding Eligibility/Payment of Central Office Modification Costs

ORDER

1. The costs identified on Attachment A accompanying this Order are approved as appropriate and accurate pursuant to the Commission's March 21, 2000 Standing Order Designating Filings Requesting Certification of 911 Costs As Filings Subject to Approval Under Minn. Stat. § 216A.03, Subd. 7, Docket No. P-999/CI-99-1723.
2. This Order does not approve payment of any 911 system costs. Any possible future approval of payment for system costs shall be granted by the Commissioner of the Department of Administration in accordance with the provisions of Minn. Stat. Section 403.11.
3. This Order shall become effective immediately.

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION

Burl W. Haar
Executive Secretary

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AFFIDAVIT OF SERVICE

I _____, being first duly sworn, deposes and says:

That on the ____ day of _____, 2000 (s)he served the attached **Order Approving Certified 911 System Costs for Kanabec County 911 Emergency Telephone Service Docket No. P-406/ES-00-1112.**

XX By depositing in the United States Mail at the City of St. Paul, a true and correct copy thereof, properly enveloped with postage prepaid

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Subscribed and sworn to before me, _____

a notary public, this ____ day of

_____, 2000.

Notary Public